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| Notice of Allowability | Application No. | Applicant(s) | |
| | 10/675,678 | ANDERSON ET AL. | |
| | Examiner | Art Unit | |
| | Tanh Q. Nguyen | 2182 | |

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All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to 03/07/07.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1-3, 5 and 7-9.
3. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
 1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this national stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* Certified copies not received: _____.

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4. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
5. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
 - (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
 - 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
 - (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.

Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
6. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

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| <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) 2. <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) 3. <input type="checkbox"/> Information Disclosure Statements (PTO/SB/08), Paper No./Mail Date _____ 4. <input type="checkbox"/> Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit of Biological Material | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 5. <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Informal Patent Application 6. <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413), Paper No./Mail Date _____ 7. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Examiner's Amendment/Comment 8. <input type="checkbox"/> Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance 9. <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____ |
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EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

1. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with the attorney for applicant, James R. Nock (Reg. No. 42,937) on March 15, 2007 to confirm cancellation of claim 15, address minor informalities and put the application in condition for allowance.

The application has been amended as follows:

In the specification:

Replaced the title with --AUTONOMIC CONFIGURATION OF PORT SPEEDS OF COMPONENTS CONNECTED TO AN INTERCONNECTION CABLE--

Replaced "CONFIGURATION OF INTERCONNECTION CABLE SPEEDS" on page 1, line 1 with --CONFIGURATION OF PORT SPEEDS OF COMPONENTS CONNECTED TO AN INTERCONNECTION CABLE--

Replaced "configuration of interconnection cable speeds" on page 1, line 4 with --configuration of port speeds of components connected to an interconnection cable--

Replaced "configuration of cable speeds" on page 4, lines 12-13 with --
configuration of port speeds of components connected to an interconnection
cable--

Replaced "configuration of cable speeds" on page 6, lines 4-5 with --
configuration of port speeds of components connected to an interconnection
cable--

Replaced "configuration of cable speeds" on page 7, lines 21-22 with --
configuration of port speeds of components connected to an interconnection
cable--

In the claims:

1. (Currently Amended) A method for the autonomic configuration of cable
speeds port speeds of components in a computing environment; the method
comprising:

reading a cable identifier from an interconnection cable connecting the
components in the computing environment, wherein the cable identifier contains
the length of the interconnection cable;

storing the cable identifier from the interconnection cable in a software
object within the computing environment; and

autonomically adjusting the port speeds of the components connected by
the interconnection cable based on the cable identifier, comprising the steps of:

determining the maximum port speeds of each of the components connected by the interconnection cable;

translating the cable length of ~~an associated~~ the interconnection cable to a maximum effective transmission speed for the interconnection cable;

if the maximum port speed of any of the components connected to the interconnection cable is less than the maximum effective transmission speed of the interconnection cable, adjusting the port speed of each of the components to the lowest maximum port speed of the components; and

if the maximum port speed of all each of the components connected to the interconnection cable is greater than or equal to the maximum effective transmission speed of the interconnection cable, adjusting the port speed of each of the components to the maximum effective transmission speed of the interconnection cable.

Conclusion

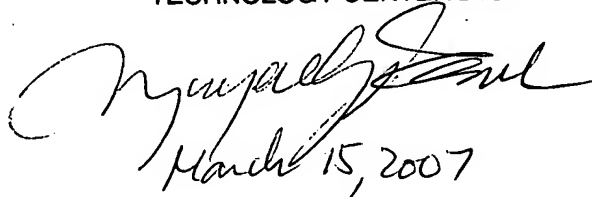
2. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Tanh Q. Nguyen whose telephone number is 571-272-4154. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F 9:30AM-7:00PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Kim Huynh can be reached on 571-272-4147. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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